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1. FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE ISSUED BY
INDONESIAN DELEGATION TO ICCS JANUARY 16:

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1. IN VIEW OF THE WORSENING MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM
DUE TO THE ESCALATION OF WAR, FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK,
IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PHILIPPINE NEWS AGENCY HELD IN
MANILA ON JANUARY 9, 1975, CALLED FOR THE SERIOUS IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT BY ITS SIGNATORIES.

THE MINISTER STATED THAT THE ESCALATION OF MILITARY ACTIVITIES
FROM ANY SIDE, ONCE STARTED CAN NOT BE EASILY CONTAINED
AND IT MAY EVEN RAISE THE DANGER OF INVOLVING AGAIN THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE VIET-NAM WAR.

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"INDONESIA IS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN VIET-NAM AS A

MEMBER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION (ICCS). OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ICCS ARE IRAN, POLAND AND HUNGARY", THE MINISTER SAID.

HE STRESSED AGAIN THAT IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, ALL SIGNATORIES SHOULD RETURN TO THE SERIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. HE SAID THE FIRST PART OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH LED TO THE JANUARY 28, 1973 CEASE-FIRE AND EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS OF WAR HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT SUCCESSFULLY. THE SECOND PART, HOWEVER, WHICH CALLS FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT IN VIET-NAM HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

"AS A RESULT, THE ROLE OF THE ICCS HAS NOW BEEN REDUCED TO MERELY MONITORING BREACHES OF THE AGREEMENT," FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK SAID.

2. ON ANOTHER OCCASION, IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE PRESS IN JAKARTA ON JANUARY 12, 1975, FOREIGN MINISTER ADAM MALIK REITERATED HIS DEEP REGRET CONCERNING THE WAR-ESCALATION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. "THIS ESCALATION INDICATES THAT THE PARIS AGREEMENT IS NOT SERIOUSLY IMPLEMENTED BY THE PARTIES CONCERNED," THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID.

"WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH WILL ARISE FROM THE ESCALATION OF WAR IN SOUTH VIET-NAM AND WE THEREFORE ONCE AGAIN ASK THE DIRECTLY INVOLVED PARTIES TO IMPLEMENT SERIOUSLY THE PARIS AGREEMENT."

"IF THE WAR IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, WHICH CONTINUE TO ESCALATE, ENDANGERED THE LIVES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE INDONESIAN CONTINGENT TO THE ICCS, THEY WILL CERTAINLY BE CALLED BACK TO INDONESIA. HOWEVER, THE SITUATION UP TO THIS MOMENT HAS NOT REACHED THE CONDITION WHEREBY THEIR LIVES WILL BE ENDANGERED AND WE WILL NOT ABANDON OUR TASK," MINISTER ADAM MALIK STATED.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER FURTHER EXPRESSED THAT WHEN ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED REALIZE THE DANGERS OF WAR AND ITS CONSEQUENCES, THEY WILL CERTAINLY NOT VIOLATE THE AGREEMENT AND WILL IMPLEMENT IT SERIOUSLY.

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3. CONCORDANT WITH THE ABOVE STATEMENTS, THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION TO THE ICCS ALWAYS MAINTAINS ITS POSITION THAT THIS COMMISSION SHOULD UNTIRINGLY CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS IN ASSISTING BOTH SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES TO END THE WAR AND RESTORE PEACE WHICH IS A PREREQUISITE FOR SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS IN THE SPIRIT OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD. IN LINE WITH THE ABOVE VIEW AND ALSO CONSISTENT WITH INDONESIA'S FO-

REIGN POLICY, INDONESIA'S CONCERN OF THE DETERIORATING MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, DOES NOT ONLY STEM PRIMARILY FROM THE GEOGRAPHICAL PROXIMITY FROM THIS COUNTRY WHOSE INSTABILITY COULD GREATLY AFFECT PEACE AND SECURITY IN HER IMMEDIATE SURROUNDINGS, BUT ALSO DUE TO HER HUMBLE SHARE IN ALLEVIATING THE SUFFERINGS OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE WITH WHICH THE INDONESIAN PEOPLE ARE TIED BY HISTORIC BONDS.

IN THE DISCHARGE OF ITS DUTIES, HOWEVER, COUPLED WITH THE EVER WORSENING MILITARY SITUATION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM, THE COMMISSION ENCOUNTERED INCREASING DIFFICULTIES, THUS COMPLICATING ITS TASKS AND BURDENING THE COMMISSION WITH PROBLEMS WHICH ESSENTIALLY WERE NOT FOR IT TO SOLVE. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT THE ICCS IS NOT A POLICE FORCE.

THE ICCS IS A PART OF THE ELABORATE PEACE STRUCTURE ESTABLISHED BY THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE EXISTENCE OF A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE COOPERATION EXTENDED BY THE TWO SOUTH VIETNAMESE PARTIES IS IMPERATIVE FOR THE EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF THE COMMISSION. THEREFORE, IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION, THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL TO THE CONFLICTING PARTIES TO REFRAIN THEMSELVES FROM ESCALATING MILITARY ACTIVITIES AND RETURN TO THE CONFERENCE TABLE IN PURSUIT OF THE LONG CHERISHED ASPIRATION OF THE VIETNAMESE PEOPLE FOR A LASTING PEACE, THROUGH THE SERIOUS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.
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